9. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the token signature and private key are output from the token to a computer terminal whish uses the private key to perform the private key signature generation operation.

13. (Amended) A method of verifying a private key signature generated by the method of claim 1 comprising the steps of using a signature verification operation to verify the token bound output data and re-generating the token signature using the symmetric key to verify the token.